

Please enter the following substitute paragraph from the specification at page 9,

line 13:

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The delivery sheath 10 has a distal port 17 in its distal end which is in fluid communication with the outer lumen 11 and a proximal port 18 disposed proximally to the distal port. The distal portion of delivery sheath 10 tapers down in a spherical-like manner so that the cross-sectional area is somewhat less in the distal region than the cross-sectional area of the rest of the delivery sheath. A slit 19 extends from the proximal port 18 to the distal port 17. In one embodiment, a plurality of slits 59 in the wall of sheath 10 extend a short distance from the distal port 17. As contemplated, the slits 59 would facilitate in the relative axial position adjustment of the sheath 10 and intravascular catheter 12.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-35 without prejudice.

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Please enter the amended claim 69, and substitute the amended claim for the pending claim with the same number, as follows:

69. An intravascular stent delivery assembly, comprising:

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- a. a catheter having
    - i. a proximal end and a distal end;
    - ii. a distal guide wire port at the distal end;
    - iii. a proximal guide wire port spaced a relatively short distance from the distal end and a relatively long distance from the proximal end;
    - iv. a passageway for a guide wire extending between the distal guide wire port and the proximal guide wire port;